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New York. "The boss and underboss of a different organized crime family were directly involved in the conspiracy to fence the stolen paper," it has been sworn.

Provenzano was convicted last March of conspiring to arrange a kickback on a loan from the New York Teamsters Conference pension fund.

Incidents like these could discredit and destroy the labor movement in the United States. In the 1930s, labor leaders headed off an attempt by the communists to infiltrate and dominate the unions. It was a bitter struggle, which the legitimate unionists won. Now it may take another battle to drive organized crime out of the labor movement.

HOOVER'S VENDETTA--Evidence has now boiled up from FBI files that the late J. Edgar Hoover pursued his vendetta against the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., even after the civil rights leader was in his grave.

A secret internal memo, dated March 11, 1969, reveals that the FBI continued to attack the credibility of King's widow, Coretta, and his successor, Dr. Ralph Abernathy. The memo indicates that the electronic bugging of King's family and friends also continued after his death.

When King was alive, Hoover and his minions wiretapped his private home for more than two years. At least 15 hidden microphones were planted in hotel and motel rooms where the black leader stayed. Phone taps were also installed at his offices in New York City and Atlanta.

Hoover claimed the surveillance was instituted to determine whether King's organization had been infiltrated by communists. But the FBI chief circulated tidbits of gossip picked up about King's sex life.

The 1969 memo indicates that the FBI was still planting dirty stories against Coretta King and Ralph Abernathy, "on a strictly confidential basis,"

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a year after King's martyrdom. The last paragraph of the memo significantly said: "We can do this without any attribution to the FBI and without anyone knowing that the information came from a wiretap."

Searches of Justice and FBI files show no sign that then-Attorney General John Mitchell granted Hoover permission to tap these phones in 1969. As for the plot to plant an unfavorable story, we have evidence that the FBI, in fact, did leak such stories against Mrs. King and Dr. Abernathy.

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